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CLERK: Motion on the desk, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: I move to return LB 432 to E & R for a specific amendment, to strike the enacting clause. Signed Senator Kime.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kime.

SENATOR KIME: Mr. Chairman, members of this body, this is the controversial bill that we have had for some time on the special deputies from throughout the state. This bill would close the door to the use of all these special deputies except at a special time, whenever the sheriff called for an emergency. We never could use these deputies when you need them unless you called an emergency. They would have to go to Grand Island under this bill, pay their own expenses for two week's training. At the present time, these special deputies are trained at their own...on their home grounds and they get 80 hours of instruction at no cost to the county. This bill is the latest of a series of attacks on Sheriff Janing especially in Omaha. However, this bill covers every Sheriff's Department in the State of Nebraska. I hope you will help me to kill this bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this bill is not an attack on Sheriff Janing in Omaha. Senator Kime has learned the tactic from Senator DeCamp and Goodrich of attacking me and portraying all my bills as a personal grudge. That runs up a red flag before the Legislature. The issues are ignored and the vote is taken against me. This bill has been discussed in this Committee. The issue was thoroughly discussed in the Government Committee. Amendments were added pursuant to requests of Senator DeCamp and Senator Kime and they said that they were satisfied with the amendments. What they are concerned about is another bill which neither of them understands which Omaha wants introduced to create a reserved force of Omaha Municipal Police Officers and that has nothing to do with this bill at all. As far as the training requirements, I talked to a number of you who had objections and it was felt that the training center at Grand Island could properly establish the types of training which would be necessary for these individuals. As far as the declaration of an emergency, if Senator Kime would read the bill, it says, on page 3, the sheriff shall declare a state of emergency when, in his opinion, the services of special deputies are required. Now it says that when he thinks these people are required, he declares an emergency. The word emergency does not always mean catastrophe. It simply means that a time will occur from which point on people know that the sheriff has called these individuals into service. If he felt, in his judgment, say there was a fire and these deputies were needed to direct traffic because the local police couldn't do it or whatever kind of thing